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1.(C) Summary. Bahrain is in the early stages of mapping out a nuclear energy strategy for the longer term, according to a key minister. Bahrain

2.(C) Minister of Oil and Gas Affairs Dr. Abdul Hussein Ali Mirza told CDA May 7 that the Bahraini government is selecting the membership of an

3.(C) Mirza said that while Bahraini officials wished to explore the feasibility of developing nuclear energy, there had so far been "no decisi

4.(C) Mirza said Bahrain continues its efforts to obtain cheap natural gas from Saudi Arabia, Qatar or Iran. Iran remained the most forthcoming

5.(C) CDA reminded Mirza that the U.S. objected strongly to any such deal. Mirza reiterated that Iranian gas was Bahrain's least favored option

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